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FOR AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER

E.O. 11652: GDS
SUBJECT: YOUR VISIT TO JORDAN

1. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN FROM FRED SIMMONS OF YOUR POSSIBLE TRIP TO JORDAN LATER THIS MONTH. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN WHO WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE IDEA. HE WOULD WELCOME YOUR TRIP ON AN INFORMAL AND LOW KEY BASIS. HE WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME AS HIS GUEST. HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SHOW YOU THE COUNTRY BY HELICOPTER AND CONSEQUENTLY YOU COULD SEE A GREAT DEAL IN EVEN TWO OR THREE DAYS. HE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO BRIEF YOU ON JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENT AND HIS THINKING REGARDING PROPOSED IBRD AND AID ROLES. HOWEVER, HE WOULD ACCEPT "EDUCATIONAL" NATURE OF YOUR VISIT AND NOT EXPECT YOU TO TAKE ANY OFFICIAL POSITION ON THESE OR RELATED ISSUES.

2. DEPENDING ON DATES YOU ARE AVAILABLE, KING HUSSEIN MAY BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY ATTENDING THE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN MOROCCO WHICH BEGINS OCTOBER 26. IN EVENT OF KING'S ABSENCE, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN SERVES AS REGENT.

3. AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A DEGREE OF CONFLICT BETWEEN CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER REGARDING CROWN PRINCE'S ROLE VIS-A-VIS GOVERNMENT IN DEVELOPMENT AREA. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE WE CAN HANDLE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITH PM SO AS TO
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AVOID PLACING YOU IN MIDDLE IN ANY WAY.

4. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME CLEAR.
EVEN TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US AND CROWN PRINCE.
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